

REPEAL NOT ASSURED.

THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS MUST FIGHT FOR IT.

The Extreme Silverites Determined to Oppose the House Bill Until the Last of the Federal Election Laws.

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It begins to look very much as if the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law was not going to get through the Senate. While there is unquestionably very small majority in favor of the repeal there is no doubt now that the silver men are determined to talk to the end of time, rather than submit to a vote, and it is a very questionable matter as to whether the small repeal majority could ever secure a change of the vote to include closure and preclude a vote in the Senate. There are enough of the repeal Senators who are on record as against closure in the Senate to join with the anti-repeal men and to defeat any attempt to change the long-standing rules of that august body.

Compromise seems to be on the tongue at everybody, and compromise will likely prevail, and just what that compromise will be no earthly man can now predict. The free-silver men are beginning to grow more content, and for the time now begin to boldly assert that they will filibuster and occupy the Senate with speeches until a truce is patched up to their liking.

Senator Stewart said to me this morning: "My three days talk was merely in the nature of an introductory, but I believe that with considerable condensing I might be able to get through in two weeks."

Senator Pugh, of Alabama, uttered the best proclamation yesterday, made upon the floor of the intent of the silver men, to resort to every available method to defeat the unconditional repeal.

The proposition of Senator Voorhees to attempt to keep the Senate in continuous session until the vote shall be taken, will fail for this reason. Two or three of the silver Senators could remain in the chamber at one time, and keep up a system of filibustering, while the majority would be unable to get on their feet, thus the physical endurance of the majority would be exhausted without any apparent wear upon the minority. The only possible way, nominally, for the majority to compel a vote, is by a change in the rules, and it is very generally agreed that the discussion would immediately be transferred from silver to the rules, and the prospect of such a change in the Senate are very vague and improbable.

The bill for the repeal of the Federal election laws will be presented to the House on Thursday, and will be taken up for consideration on Friday. The bill is that drafted by Hon. Harry Tucker, of Virginia, and by its provisions it wipes from the statute books the last vestige of the Federal election laws and makes United States supervisors and deputy marshals, in all subsequent elections.

There is coming surely a great partisan debate, which will be protracted and bitter, and with the full consciousness of their ability to pass the measure, the Democrats will be aggressive and bold in denunciation of the oppression of the laws, and the flagrant corruption, which has attended its operations under the control of the unscrupulous John I. Davidson.

The South is in the saddle this trip sure, and when the cynical Reed, the cold, relentless Burrows, the blatant Pickens and the foul-mouthed Cannon begin their sectional diatribe, they will get a few hot shots from the strongly entrenched Southerners who have felt the oppression of these laws, and who for years have suffered the humiliating taunts of radical partisans without the least prospect of redress.

There is a feeling here to-day a meeting of representatives from the boards of trade of America. Nearly 1,300 boards were invited to send delegates for the purpose of establishing a new organization which would take a lively interest in the financial and business interests of the country. The boards of trade and similar bodies of Virginia are well represented. The Chamber of Commerce of Richmond is ably represented by Messrs. James R. Worth, and J. R. Tucker, Jr., and from Norfolk Messrs. Walter Sharp and R. C. Byrd of the Real Estate Exchange. Judge W. B. Foy of the Business Men's Association, and Mr. A. D. Dobb of the Chamber of Commerce, all are here to participate in the proceedings and to secure whatever benefits may accrue to the State by such discussion and future action. The body will unquestionably be very pronounced in its advocacy of the immediate repeal of the Sherman law, and will make it a point to present its views in a strong memorial to the Senate.

The notice in The Times that Mr. Samuel Kimbrey, of Norfolk, was an aspirant for appointment as Secretary of the Senate, has caused considerable discussion among the Virginia Congressmen here who are beyond their ability to secure positions for the Democrats of the State. We are not trying to place Kimbrey in the position of "other into the fire," said one of them, "and as far as I am able to observe we have all the Democrats that can take care off without letting one other office go."

Mr. Lee Wheat, the great musician of Virginia, who has been ill at the Providence hospital here, is now almost entirely recovered, and in a few days will be able to leave the hospital. There is a small church attached to the Providence hospital and in the late afternoon of almost every day there comes stealing through the closed window blinds the soft sweet tones of the organ, and the inmates and neighbors pause at the touch of the master hand, and revel in the half mad, half weird chords that live and pass into the ether under the seemingly listless touch of this born musician.

Senator Daniel returned to the city from his home in Lynchburg last night and was at the Capitol early to-day.

Messrs. E. P. Busch, W. C. Crenshaw, Robert Beverly and T. B. Dowell, of Virginia, are at the Metropolitan.

Captain Ham Sheppard was at the Capitol to-day. He expects to be able to give to the public next Thursday the names of gentlemen selected by him to fill the positions of deputy collectors, assessors, and for the Eastern revenue district.

There are a great many applicants for these positions, and with such a large field from which to choose it is safe to predict that Captain Sheppard will select only those who are best equipped in every way to discharge the duties of the offices they will be called upon to fill. He is in Lynchburg on the 15th of the present month and will on that day appear upon the discharge of his official duties as collector of internal revenue for the Eastern district.

There are here to-day two Virginians who have been recently appointed to important positions outside of the State, and who are busily engaged in making

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THE LEADERS CONFER.

SENATE REPEALERS DETERMINED TO FORCE THE FIGHT.

They Agree That Something Must Be Done to Help the Virginia Democrats in Carrying the State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—An important conference of Democratic senators was held this afternoon upon the future of the silver debate. There were present Messrs. Gorman, Voorhees, Faulkner, Gray and several of the other leaders of the Senate and friends of the administration measure. The results of that meeting will probably manifest themselves in the Senate to-morrow. The main point to which the Senators are said to have addressed themselves was the possibility of bringing the silver question to a vote. A canvass was made of the names of those who intended speaking on the subject, and this disclosed the fact that the limit of legitimate debate would not be exhausted until this week had ended, and possibly not until one or two days of the next had been consumed. It was agreed that after that speech-making would be equivalent to filibustering, and that every speech made would be for the certain purpose of consuming time and postponing the day for final action. How to prevent this was the subject of much discussion, and many suggestions were made for securing a vote are seeking to answer.

Closure is impossible, for as one of the members of this conference said, closure would mean the passing of the Senate bill without a vote, and that would be a measure of the national debt. The mere attempt, it was argued, would be hailed with delight by those opposing repeal, because it would give them an opportunity to talk on something else, and thereby consume more time. The vote will be reached, if reached at all, by the test of physical endurance and with that end in view the day will be made as soon as possible. Unless it is made sooner, to take effect on a day certain, providing for night sessions and these sessions will be made continuous so that a quorum of the Senate will be present to vote on the bill.

In this way, coupled with the powerful influence of the business interests of the country now demanding repeal, the repealers think they can force the silver question to a vote. It looks very much as if this program would be inaugurated next week.

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